## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

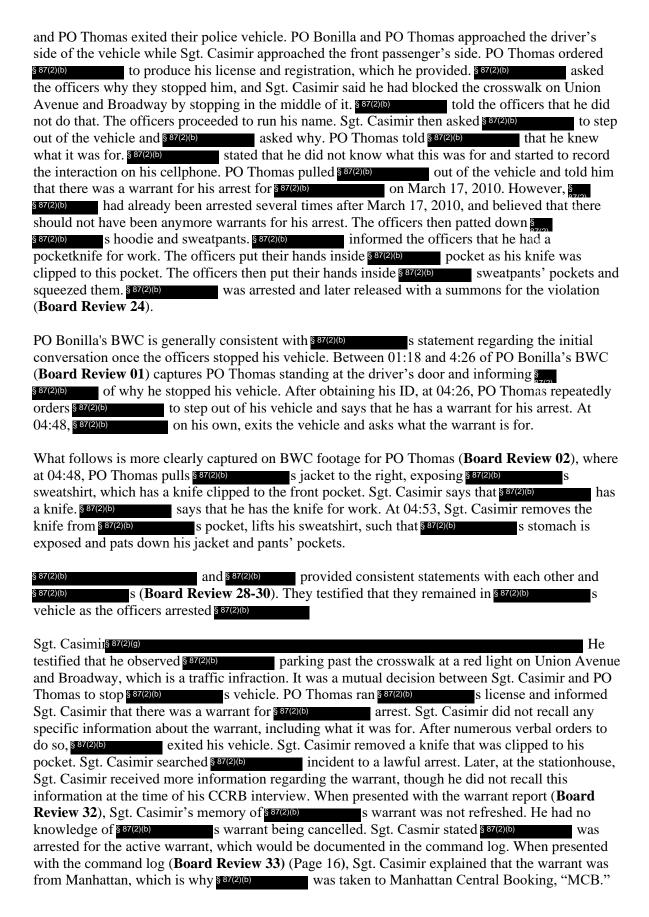
| Investigator:  |           | Team:  | CCRB Case #:              | ✓ Force   | e [      | ☐ Discourt.    | ☐ U.S.     |
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| Ariana Thomas  |           | Squad #16  | 202201108                 | ✓ Abu     | se [     | O.L.           | ✓ Injury   |
| Incident Date(s)   |           | Location of Incident:                                    | •                         | Precin    | ict:     | 18 Mo. SOL     | EO SOL     |
| Friday, 02/18/2022 11:38 PM, Friday, 02/18/2022 11:51 PM |           | Union Avenue and Broadway;<br>90th Precinct Stationhouse |                           | 90        |          | 8/18/2023      | 8/18/2023  |
| Date/Time CV Reported                                    |           | CV Reported At:  | How CV Reported           | : Date    | Time R   | deceived at CC | RB         |
| Sat, 02/19/2022 3:11 PM                                  |           | CCRB   | Call Processing<br>System | Sat, (    | 02/19/20 | 022 3:11 PM    |            |
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| Witness(es)  |           | Home Addre   | ess                       |           |          |                |            |
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| Subject Officer(s)                                       | Shield    | TaxID  | Command                   |           |          |                |            |
| 1. PO Karl Thomas  | 23368     | 962838   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 2. PO Robert Bonilla                                     | 14552     | 965954   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 3. SGT Ramil Casimir                                     | 05184     | 950170   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 4. PO Piotr Trusewicz                                    | 27088     | 967369   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 5. PO Keoto Peterson                                     | 28884     | 967253   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| Witness Officer(s)                                       | Shield N  | o Tax No   | Cmd Name                  |           |          |                |            |
| 1. SGT Michael Lack                                      | 04918     | 938803   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 2. PO Michael Galindez                                   | 27659     | 945744   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 3. PO Brian Pfennig                                      | 11185     | 947345   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 4. PO Eric Chau  | 00197     | 961684   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 5. PO Jonathan Baez                                      | 02411     | 965942   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 6. PO Cecely Beniquez                                    | 12351     | 960232   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 7. PO Mark Hunter  | 28095     | 944085   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| 8. PO Richard Hunter                                     | 18602     | 958714   | 090 PCT                   |           |          |                |            |
| Officer(s)   | Allegatio | on   |                           |           | Invest   | igator Recor   | nmendation |
| A.PO Karl Thomas   |           | Union Avenue and Broad Thomas used physic                |                           |           |          |                |            |
| B.PO Karl Thomas   |           | t Union Avenue and Brail Thomas searched                 |                           | n, Police |          |                |            |
| C.SGT Ramil Casimir                                      |           | t Union Avenue and Br<br>Ramil Casimir frisked           |                           | n,        |          |                |            |
| D.SGT Ramil Casimir                                      |           | t Union Avenue and Br<br>Ramil Casimir searched          |                           | n,        |          |                |            |

| Officer(s)           | Allegation   | Investigator Recommendation |
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| E.SGT Ramil Casimir  | Force: At Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn, Sergeant Ramil Casimir used physical force against \$87(2)(b)       |                             |
| F.PO Karl Thomas     | Force: At Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn, Police Officer Karl Thomas used physical force against \$87(2)(b)   |                             |
| G.PO Robert Bonilla  | Force: At Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn, Police Officer Robert Bonilla used physical force against §87(2)(b) |                             |
| H.PO Piotr Trusewicz | Force: At the 90th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Piotr Trusewicz used physical force against \$87(2)(6)      |                             |
| I.PO Keoto Peterson  | Force: At the 90th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Keoto Peterson used physical force against \$87(2)(b)       |                             |
| J.PO Piotr Trusewicz | Force: At the 90th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Piotr Trusewicz used physical force against \$87(2)(b)      |                             |
| K.PO Keoto Peterson  | Force: At the 90th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Keoto Peterson used physical force against \$87(2)(b)       |                             |
| L.PO Piotr Trusewicz | Force: At the 90th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Piotr Trusewicz used physical force against \$87(2)(b)      |                             |
| M.SGT Ramil Casimir  | Abuse: At the 90th Precinct stationhouse, Sergeant Ramil Casimir refused to show the arrest warrant to \$87(2)(b)    |                             |
| § 87(4-b) § 87(2)(g) |  |                             |
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## Case Summary filed this co

On February 19, 2022, § 87(2)(b) I filed this complaint via the CCRB's call processing system. On February 18, 2022, at approximately 11:38 pm, \$87(2)(b) was driving his vehicle in the vicinity of Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn when Sergeant Ramil Casimir, of the 90th Precinct, stopped his vehicle for disobeying pavement markings. Sgt. Casimir ordered to exit his vehicle and Police Officer Karl Thomas, of the 90<sup>th</sup> Precinct, allegedly pulled him out of the vehicle (Allegation A: Force, \$87(2)(9)). PO Thomas searched \$87(2)(6) and Sgt. Casimir frisked and searched him (Allegations B-D: Abuse of Authority, \$27(2)(a) ). Sgt. Casimir and PO Thomas pushed § 87(2)(b) against his vehicle as they handcuffed him (Allegations E-F: Force, \$87(2)(9) ). Police Officer Robert Bonilla, of the 90th Precinct, allegedly pushed § 87(2)(b) inside a police vehicle (Allegation G: Force, \$87(2)(9) ). At the 90<sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Piotr Trusewicz and Police Officer Keoto Peterson, of the 90<sup>th</sup> Precinct, allegedly dragged \$87(2)(b) into the holding cell room and pushed him against a wall (Allegations H-I: Force, \$87(2)(9) : Allegations J-K: \$87(2)(9) s leg (Allegation L: Force, \$87(2)(9)). Sgt. Casimir allegedly refused to show \$87(2)(6) his arrest warrant (Allegation M: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(9) was issued a summons for §87(2)(b) (Board Review 24) and he was arrested on § 87(2)(b) [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)] This case was originally assigned to former Investigator Jung and upon her departure from the agency was reassigned to Investigator Thomas on November 15, 2022. Body-worn camera ("BWC") footage (Board Review 01-15) and stationhouse footage from the 90<sup>th</sup> Precinct (**Board Review 16-22**) was obtained from the NYPD Legal Bureau. Cell phone video, taken by § 87(2)(b) was provided to the CCRB via email and is consistent with the BWC footage (**Board Review 23**). There is no other video evidence in this case. **Findings and Recommendations** Allegation (A) Force: At Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn, Police Officer Karl Thomas used physical force against § 87(2)(b) Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: At Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn, Police Officer Karl Thomas searched § 87(2)(b) Allegation (C) Abuse of Authority: At Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn, Sergeant Ramil Casimir searched § 87(2)(b) Allegation (D) Abuse of Authority: At Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn, Sergeant Ramil Casimir frisked § 87(2)(b) testified that he was driving his vehicle southbound on Broadway, when he stopped at a red light on the intersection of Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn (Board Review 27). s wife, § 87(2)(b) was seated in the front passenger's seat, while daughter, § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) s boyfriend, § 87(2)(b) stopped his vehicle behind the stop line and did not were seated in the back seat. § 87(2)(b) disobey any traffic laws. Once the light changed, § 87(2)(b) made a left turn onto Broadway going eastbound, as an unmarked police vehicle followed behind and engaged its sirens. pulled his vehicle over and Sgt. Casimir, PO Bonilla, identified via the investigation,

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Sgt. Casimir did not write down what \$87(2)(b) was charged with. PO Thomas 8 87(2)(g) He testified that he observed § 87(2)(b) s vehicle blocking a crosswalk on Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn. \$87(2)(b) s vehicle was solely stopped for the traffic violation. After the vehicle stop was initiated, one of the officers, though PO Thomas did not recall who, ran § 87(2)(b) s license on their department phone, which revealed that he had an active warrant. PO Thomas explained that solely active warrants appear. If a warrant is closed, it would not appear. PO Thomas did not recall what the date of [887(2)(b)] warrant was, what the warrant was for, nor what borough the warrant was from. PO Thomas subsequently searched §87(2)(b) after he was placed under arrest to ensure that he did not have any weapons. PO Thomas believed he searched \$87(2)(b) s pockets. \$87(2)(b) was placed under arrest solely for the warrant, not for the traffic violation. Typically, officers print the warrant out and send the civilian to the courthouse with the warrant in hand. Officers do not need to process the arrest with new charges, so no arrest report needs to be generated. When presented with the warrant report (Board Review 32), PO Thomas did not know if any of the warrants were the one that the officers arrested § 37(2)(b) for, and it did not refresh his recollection of which borough the warrant was from. No one would be able to be brought to the stationhouse for a cancelled warrant because the physical warrant would not be able to be obtained. If § 87(2)(b) s warrant was cancelled, Sgt. Casimir would not have been able to print and show \$87(2)(b) a copy of his warrant, as he did on BWC footage (analyzed below). The 90th Precinct Command Log (**Board Review 33**) (Page 16), notes §87(2)(b) However, the "charges" field is empty. In the left margin, a note reads, "To MCB." PO Bonilla conducted a warrant check for \$87(2)(b) at the time of his arrest (Board Review **44,** page 4). A warrant for \$87(2)(b) from May 14, 2010, was active at the time of his arrest, but could not be printed because the warrant was cancelled following \$87(2)(b) s arrest (**Board Review 44**, page 2). Officers may arrest a civilian with a warrant addressed to an officer or to the NYPD, with a warrant issued by New York Criminal Court, district court, or superior court judge sitting on a lower criminal court. NYPD Patrol Guide, Procedure 208-01 (Board Review 37). After an arrest has been effected and a prisoner has been handcuffed, officers are to immediately field search/frisk the prisoner. NYPD Patrol Guide, Procedure 208-03 (Board Review 38).

Sgt. Casimir did not recall what the "W" in the right margins side was for. Due to clerical error,

| Allegation (E) Force: At Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn, Sergeant Ramil Casimir  |
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| used physical force against §87(2)(5)  Allegation (F) Force: At Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn, Police Officer Karl  |
| Thomas used physical force against §87(2)(b)  |
| Allegation (G) Force: At Union Avenue and Broadway in Brooklyn, Police Officer Robert   |
| Bonilla used physical force against \$87(2)(b)  |
| testified that after he exited his vehicle, PO Thomas and Sgt. Casimir pushed him into his vehicle. Sgt. Casimir told \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ that he was resisting even though he was not moving. \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ continued to ask about the warrant. Sgt. Casimir held \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ s right arm, as PO Thomas forced his left arm towards his right arm to handcuff him. The officers told him to stop resisting and twisted his arm. \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ told them that he was not resisting and that they placed the handcuffs on him very tightly. \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ had a fracture from a prior incident that left him with a broken wrist. The way the officers forced \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ s hands into the handcuffs left him with bruises and marks around his wrists for three days. \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ asked the officers to loosen the handcuffs and that he would not move until they did so. PO Bonilla loosened the handcuffs. Officers walked \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ to the door of a police vehicle, and PO Bonilla grabbed \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ s right arm and pushed him into the police vehicle as \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ was turning around to sit inside. \$\frac{\sigma(2)(0)}{\sigma(2)(0)}\$ was then transported to the 90 <sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse.   |
| In BWC for PO Bonilla ( <b>Board Review 01</b> ), at 05:07, (10) keeps his arms raised at his sides, as he turns away from the officers, such that he faces his vehicle. At 05:12, PO Thomas pulls asks what the warrant is for, as he leans his body towards the left, as PO Thomas attempts to attach handcuffs to his wrists. At 05:17, PO Thomas and Sgt. Casimir hold onto softwards the officers arms as he leans back towards the officers, such that he and the officers move further into the street. At 05:20, the officers push softward slightly, such that his torso makes contact with his vehicle. At 05:22, PO Bonilla turns around and grabs PO Thomas' BWC off the ground. At 05:28, PO Thomas and Sgt. Casimir handcuff softward slightly, such that he is pulling away. Softward slightly as says he is not resisting. PO Thomas tells for. At 05:43, the officers maintain their grip on softward slightly. Softward slightly asks that the officers loosen his handcuffs. PO Thomas tells softward slightly. Softward slightly asks that the officers loosen his handcuffs. At 07:10, softward slightly asks that the officers loosen his handcuffs. At 08:40, the officers loosen softward slightly sample slightly samp |
| \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) statements were consistent with \$87(2)(b) s testimony.   |
| Sgt. Casimir \$87(2)(9) testified that as he and PO Thomas attempted to handcuff \$87(2)(6) there was a brief minor struggle. \$7(2)(6) was tensing his upper torso and not voluntarily putting his hands behind his back. Sgt. Casimir and PO Thomas had to take \$87(2)(6) hands and forcibly put them behind his back because he was tensed up. Sgt. Casimir pushed \$87(2)(6) who was tensing his upper torso, against the vehicle as he tried to handcuff him to gain compliance. By pushing \$87(2)(6) against the vehicle. Sgt. Casimir was able to keep \$87(2)(6) fixed against an object where the  |

| Casimir refused to show the arrest warrant to \$8/(2)(b)  |
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| testified that upon his arrival at the 90 <sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse, he stood in front of   |
| the desk and asked the officers to show him the warrant. An officer \$87(2)(0) could not  |
| describe took down \$87(2)(b) s information and looked into the warrant. The officer then   |
| gave Sgt. Casimir the warrant. §87(2)(b) said he was not going to move until he saw the   |
| warrant. There were six to seven officers surrounding \$87(2)(b) telling him that he had to   |
| move. The officers told § 87(2)(b) that they were not going to show him anything and that he  |
| move. The officers told § 87(2)(b) that they were not going to show him anything and that he had to go inside the cell. § 87(2)(b) refused to move and dropped down to his knees. Four to |
| five officers picked him up by his arms, legs, and handcuffs and lifted him into the cell room. When  |
| he got to the doorway to the room, his leg dropped so he grabbed onto the door frame.   |
| said, "Please stop accosting me. I will freely move if you can show me this warrant."   |
| None of the officers showed the warrant to \$87(2)(b) and continued to drag him into the  |
| room. The officers pulled \$87(2)(b) past the doorframe and one of the officers, whom   |
| s 87(2)(b) s leg with his hand so that \$87(2)(b)   |
| would release his foot, likely leading to the bruise on his ankle. Once in the holding cell room, the   |
| officers told §87(2)(b) to have a seat. §87(2)(b) told them that he was not going to sit  |
| until they provided him with the warrant. Five to six officers pushed \$87(2)(5) against a wall.  |
| believed that the officers were trying to handcuff him to the pole by the wall. He  |
| did not recall which officers pushed him. §87(2)(b) got a cut on his middle finger on his left  |
| hand as a result. §87(2)(b) said, "Sir, I do not want to sit. I'd like to see the warrant." The   |
| officers pushed the chairs out of the way as they tried to push \$87(2)(b) down.  |
| \$87(2)(6) told the officers that he did not want to sit, so the officers handcuffed him to the pole in   |
| the room and left him there for the next hour. An officer who \$87(2)(b) could not describe   |
| told him that he was not allowed in the cell until he was calm. Sgt. Casimir presented  |
| §87(2)(b) with his warrant from approximately four feet away from his face. §87(2)(b)   |
| asked to see it because he could not read it from that distance, but Sgt. Casimir rejected his request  |
| and told him that he could read. When §87(2)(b) was eventually placed into the cell, he was   |
| issued a summons which stated that he was \$87(2)(b) was  |
| taken to Central Booking, where his summons was dismissed.  |
| taken to centur Booking, where his summons was dishinssed.  |
| In BWC for PO Pfennig ( <b>Board Review 09</b> ), at 04:40, PO Pfennig escorts \$87(2)(6) inside  |
| the 90 <sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse. At 05:05, PO Pfennig places his BWC on the front desk. PO Pfennig   |
| searches \$87(2)(b) as he tells the officers that he wants to see his warrant. At 07:56,  |
| says he is not moving until he sees his warrant. At 08:14, Sgt. Casimir tells   |
| he is going to go to the holding cell room. § 87(2)(b) says he is not going   |
| anywhere until he sees the warrant, and that the officers are going to have to, "Whip his ass." At  |
| 08:30, Sgt. Casimir orders the officers to bring \$87(2)(b) to the holding cells. PO Pfennig  |
| reattaches his BWC. §87(2)(b) drops to the ground and says, "I want to see my warrant." PO  |
| Trusewicz grabs \$87(2)(b) s left arm, while PO Peterson grabs his right arm, and the two   |
| officers lift \$87(2)(b) off the ground and carry him to the holding cell room, as he says he   |
| wants to see his warrant. At 08:44, \$87(2)(b) drops to the ground. PO Trusewicz holds both of  |
| s ankles, as PO Peterson hold \$87(2)(b) s right arm, as the two officers carry   |
| him to a wall at the back of the holding cell room. At 08:55, PO Trusewicz, who holds   |
| s left arm and PO Peterson, who holds his right arm, lift \$87(2)(b) off the ground,  |
| as they try to sit him on the chair below him. § 87(2)(b) pushes his body forward, kicks his  |
| feet out, and remains standing, as he yells that he refuses to sit and wants to see his warrant. At   |
| 09:44, officers handcuff \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ to a rail at the back wall of the holding cell room and he  |
| remains standing. At 09:58, Sgt. Casimir walks towards \$87(2)(b) holding a copy of what  |
| appears to be an arrest warrant. §87(2)(b) tells Sgt. Casimir to come closer because he cannot  |
| see. At 09:55, Sgt. Casimir walks closer to \$87(2)(b) and holds the warrant in front of his  |
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| face. \$87(2)(b) says, "Who the fuck is that?" and asks what it is for. Sgt. Casimir says it is for   |

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| says he received this ticket years ago and it was dismissed. Sgt. Casimir says, "Well, it's still showing up."  |
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| In PO Peterson's BWC footage ( <b>Board Review 13</b> ), at 01:13, PO Trusewicz holds sankles and places them down on the floor. PO Trusewicz never hits 887(2)(b) leg and neither does any officer.  |
| 90 <sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse footage ( <b>Board Review 16</b> ), which captures a side view of the front desl is consistent with the BWC footage. At 54:49, \$87(2)(5) drops to his knees. The officers carry him towards the holding cell room, as he wraps his legs around PO Trusewicz.  |
| 90 <sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse footage ( <b>Board Review 19</b> ), which captures the holding cell room, is consistent with the BWC footage. The relevant portions are captured between 55:00 and 56:34.  |
| § 87(2)(g)  |
| Officers may use physical force if it is reasonable to ensure the safety of a member of the service or a third person, or otherwise protect life, or when it is reasonable to place a person in custody or to prevent escape from custody. In all circumstances, any application or use of force must be reasonable under the circumstances. <a href="NYPD Patrol Guide">NYPD Patrol Guide</a> , Procedure 221-01 ( <b>Board Review 39</b> ). |
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|      | Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories   |
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| •    | PO Trusewicz has been a member of service for 4 years and has been a subject in one CCRB complaint and four allegations, none of which were substantiated. §87(2)(9)  |
| •    | PO Peterson has been a member of service for three years and has been a subject in one CCRE complaint and two allegations, none of which were substantiated. § 87(2)(9)   |
| •    | Sgt. Casimir has been a member of service for 11 years and has been a subject in 13 CCRB complaints and 23 allegations, none of which were substantiated. §87(2)(9)   |
| •    | PO Thomas has been a member of service for five years and has been a subject in five CCRB complaints and 16 allegations, of which three were substantiated:  O Case #201901595 involved a substantiated allegation of discourtesy (word) against PO Thomas. The Board recommended command level instructions and the NYPD imposed |
|      | <ul> <li>instructions.</li> <li>Case #202101308 involved a substantiated allegation of failure to provide a business card against PO Thomas. The Board recommended Command Discipline A and the NYPD has</li> </ul>   |
|      | not yet imposed discipline.  Case #202101518 involved a substantiated allegation of failure to provide a business card against PO Thomas. The Board recommended Command Discipline A and the NYPD has not yet imposed discipline. §87(2)(9)   |
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|      | Mediation, Civil, and Criminal Histories  |
| •    | This complaint was not suitable for mediation.  As of March 16, 2023, the New York City Office of the Comptroller has no record of a Notice   |
|      | of Claim being filed in regards to this incident ( <b>Board Review 41</b> ).  |

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| Investigator: | Ariana Thomas<br>Signature | Inv. Ariana Thomas Print Title & Name | 06/08/2023<br>Date |
| Squad Leader: | § 87(2)(b) Yu Signature    | IM \$87(2)(b) Yu Print Title & Name   | 06/09/2023<br>Date |
| Reviewer:     | Signature                  | Print Title & Name                    | Date               |